

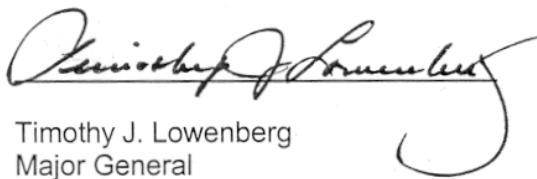
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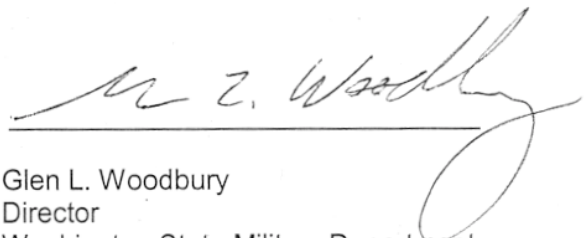
The Washington State Military Department sincerely appreciates the cooperation and support from those agencies, departments, and local jurisdictions that have contributed to the revision and publication of the 2002 Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Coordination of the Plan represents a committed and concerted effort by state agencies and local jurisdictions to emergency management. The Plan demonstrates the ability of a large number of agencies to work together to achieve a common goal. The CEMP is intended as a comprehensive framework for statewide mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

The CEMP was revised through the synergistic efforts of over 40 state agencies, State Agency Emergency/Disaster Liaison Coordinators, Emergency Management Division staff, American Red Cross, local jurisdiction emergency managers and staff, and interested volunteers. The Emergency Management Division coordinated with these groups to provide a forum for those with identified responsibilities in the CEMP. They participated in planning and coordinating emergency management activities in order to identify, develop, maintain, and enhance state emergency management capabilities.

The CEMP is one of the many efforts to prepare all people in Washington State for emergencies or disasters. The CEMP is formatted to be consistent with the Federal Response Plan, complete with Emergency Support Functions (ESFs), or single function activities. This is to standardize plans throughout the state and to provide interoperability between local, state, and federal levels of government. The Plan stresses the four phases of emergency management to accentuate that we are at all times emergency managers. The CEMP moves us one step closer to being able to minimize the impacts of emergencies and disasters on people, property, economy, and the environment of Washington State. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to all who have made this possible.



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